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American Fleet's Coal to Last Only to March 1, Due to Short Funds.

OTHER PRUNING RUINOUS

Shortage of Men May Make It Impossible to Man New War Vessels.

By GRASER SCHORNSTEIMER.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.

A thing has just happened which has had the most depressing effect on the American position in the arms conference. The naval estimates in the budget for 1923 do not provide sufficient funds efficiently to maintain the navy as it will be under the Hughes plan. That fact has been having a bad effect on both the efficiency and the morale of the members of the service, as well as upon those connected with the conference.

The Hughes plan provided for sufficient protection for each nation, with that protection cut to the bone. But it now appears that Congress will not recognize the need even of this cut to the bone protection. The present shortage of fuel and men in the navy is serious. It is now definite that there will be no combined fleet maneuvers this year.

Contrast that fact with the fact that Japan intends to carry out the most extensive maneuvers in its history and that the usual complete British maneuvers will take place. The United States is just at the start of what may terminate into the greatest naval debacle of its history.

Some time ago I pointed out that the navy was not up to its quota of men and that both fleets were suffering severely in consequence. It is now apparent that even more men must be discharged to make ends meet at the end of this fiscal year. The present naval strength of 106,000 men will have to be reduced.

Crews Lacking for New Ships.

The budget plan for the fiscal year of 1923 provides for the same number of men, and under the Hughes plan a number of ships of new types will be continued and go into commission with no full crews to man them. Other ships' complements will have to be cut to get even the reduced crews, and then after the ships are in commission there will be scarcely any fuel with which to run them.

In the last naval bill \$7,000,000 was asked for fuel. That is not a great amount when it is placed beside the war appropriations, and neither is it even a moderately great amount when placed alongside of some of the more useless items carried in other bills passed by Congress. The Senate, hoping for a reasonable compromise, cut the item to \$3,000,000. The expectation that a slight deficiency might result. But the House cut the item to \$1,700,000, and so there is not enough fuel to carry the fleet through until March 1, even without maneuvers. How the navy is going to exist after March 1 no one knows.

Under the budget there is the prospect of curtailed target practice, maneuvers and a host of other things. Basing facilities which are very badly needed by the fleet on the Pacific are not provided for. The divided fleet has been severely criticized, but such criticism is unfounded. The combined fleet cannot be maintained in the Pacific because there are no basing facilities. The supposed bases practically do not exist, and nothing is on the calendar to make them of value.

Aviation Item Too Small.

There are a few good features in the budget estimate. A substantial increase is provided for naval aviation, while double the amount could have been used. The total is regarded as almost sufficient to a cut to the bone fleet. If the budget goes through in total we may still continue slowly with the ships under construction, quite a necessary thing because of the conference. The British are continuing their construction of light cruisers and other craft, and it is understood that the Japanese are rushing their capital ships to completion. As long as there is a race for armaments, should not America keep abreast of the times so foreign nations may have added reasons for accepting the Hughes plan?

At present the United States needs a force of 150,000 men to give crews to ships which are to be maintained under the Hughes plan. Next year a few thousand more will be needed because of new ships going into commission. More fuel will be needed next year, before the end of this fiscal year in fact, because the \$7,000,000 appropriation has been practically exhausted already, with seven months more to go. The navy asked for \$7,000,000 as the lowest figure possible, and it is working out just that way.

Even now the University is paying dividends to the whole community. These dividends would be far larger if the community could realize, as keenly as a college president must realize, the fact that even a good teacher's effectiveness is impaired when he is compelled to work with pine log equipment.

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LOOKING IN on the conference

Daily 'Communiques' From Peace Gathering Are as Inert as a Tariff Report—Deft Vocabulary of Able Men Is Missing—Some Character Studies.

By EDWIN C. HILL.

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Words are the fine tools with which the conference works to build a better scheme of things. One wonders what number Hughes can summon to the aid of his direct thinking, how many Balfour can enlist in his gentle ironies of statecraft. How wide ranging is the vocabulary of the President? If it were possible to set down the figure in every case the disparity might surprise you. Shakespeare is said to have had 25,000 in his vocabulary. John Milton, master of 10,000, wrote "Paradise Lost." The speaking vocabulary of the ordinary man or woman is probably not larger than 2,000. It is the extraordinary man that can call 5,000 to tongue or pen.

The daily "communiques" thrown off by the peace-makers deal with great events, or the approach to great events, yet they are singularly stolid. Purposely, it may be. But they manage to extinguish the flame of this feast of reason and flow of soul. They are as inert as a tariff report, as uninspiring as an actuary's table. Weary, travel sore words are harnessed together day after day and made to ply heavy loads. Bright, colorful, definitely descriptive words are as rare in this drab company as toe dancers in a coal mine. One would venture that the vocabulary of the communiques is decidedly under 1,000.

One would like to see the excellent Camerlynck reporting these sessions in camera with a free hand and in the present tense. There, my masters, would be color and definite description along with the hard facts. This superior mind, sensitive as photographic film, would picture neatly about all we should like to know—the particular curl of Mr. Hughes's beard, the cold set of Vivian's gaze, the classic gallantry of Mr. Balfour, the virility of Schanzer's tone, the icy inscrutability of Kato. We would know whose breakfast set well upon whom and acquire other information seriously worth while.

A painter in words, M. Camerlynck would resort, one feels surely, to the color of emotions as he reported the conduct and discourse of these secret confabulations. There would be mornings, for example, when Mr. Hughes would necessarily be described as pink—sprightly joy, Balfour's color, with no perceptible variation, one would say, would be blue—serenity and peace. It would take a bit of mixing for the Chinese, their emotions being somewhat neutral, the eminent Kato would be brown, conceivably, verging on black.

These notable persons, so inadequately described in their hours of real accomplishment, were busy behind the great bronze doors of the Pan-American Building yesterday afternoon when the present paid tribute to the past. A motor car containing a man with white hair and a set, pale face, passed slowly. There was clapping of hands and a half articulate cheer from people in the street.

FRENCH BIG NAVY PLAN PUZZLES WASHINGTON

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American naval experts as well as those of other countries were puzzled today by news from Paris that the French Government is increasing the size of its navy. They are at a loss to understand the reason for such a course when other nations are considering radical means of reducing their fighting forces at sea.

The word that reaches Washington is that the French have increased their naval personnel from 51,000 men to 57,000 men and that their latest budget provides for an expenditure of \$33,000,000 francs for naval purposes, which is vastly more than they have been spending for ordinary naval purposes in the last ten years.

It was noted that the French Government has been maintaining the largest army in the world, around 600,000 men in the field, while going in for a larger navy.

PRESIDENT REPLIES TO PEACE GREETINGS

Mary Hatch Willard, chairman of the Republican Committee of One Hundred, received from President Harding yesterday a letter acknowledging the receipt of resolutions of the committee endorsing his efforts for the limitation of armaments. Engrossed on parchment the resolutions were presented to the President at the White House on Tuesday by a special committee. The President wrote:

"I have read this very impressive expression of the aspirations of your membership for the lifted burden of armament and the limitations thereof and for that friendly discussion and adjustment among nations which will give assurance against war and the maintained state of peace, which we all so deeply cherish. It was a very fine thing for your organization to send me this expression of your convictions and your hopes and I trust the conference now in session will work out a programme which you and your friends will most gladly acclaim."

ACQUITTED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Enoch Murray, 22, a newspaper seller, of 457 State street, Brooklyn, was acquitted yesterday by a jury before County Judge Martin in Brooklyn on a charge of manslaughter in the first degree. He had a fight with Constantino Zamora, another newspaper seller, and knocked him down. It was contended he struck the fatal blow in self-defense.

HARDING RECEIVES 1,200 DRYS AT ONCE

Anti-Saloon Delegates Visit White House and Hear Informal Talk.

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Twelve hundred members of the Anti-Saloon League closed their annual convention here to-day with a visit to the White House, where they were received by President Harding, who in an informal non-quotable talk, expressed his interest and sympathy with law enforcement.

Prior to going to the White House, the convention passed a resolution condemning indirectly the use of alcoholic beverages here by the delegates to the conference on the limitation of armament under diplomatic privilege. It applauded by name Marshal Foch, Gen. Diaz and Premier Briand for abstaining while in the United States. The convention also petitioned this Government to negotiate with foreign governments a gentlemen's agreement to prevent liquor smuggling. The convention also praised the work of the Federal Prohibition Commissioner, Roy A. Haynes, and other officials in their efforts to make the United States dry.

"Relentless warfare must be waged by the Anti-Saloon League against corruption of enforcement officials and against those government officers who refuse the law," said Wayne B. Wheeler, chief counsel, in the convention.

Reflection of dry Congressmen was urged by Mr. Wheeler, who characterized the present Congress as "the best the United States ever had."

Admiral Tsai Ting-Kan, one of the most interesting Chinese of the official group, offers advice to American wives, based on Chinese experience presumably. If a woman wants to keep her husband, says the admiral, she must let him learn to cook or to sew on his own buttons. Otherwise he would become independent. Never leave such tasks to the maid. He would be apt to fall in love with her maid. Keep him amused but helpless.

Gen. Lee asks why it is that custom in America permits married women to work in vocations apart from home duties, and why respectable women are allowed to enter certain professions and vocations. It shudders his soul to contemplate women of the right sort acting upon the stage. In China nice young female persons do not take up the drama as a career. The general argues that one of the economic troubles of the day is the broad liberty—probably opportunity in a more deferential word—afforded to women to take up man's work. It makes jobs scarcer for men (the general is still talking, ladies) and therefore produces a result which acts unfavorably upon the whole population.

If there is any one Japanese argument that makes a Chinaman's black eyes glittering points of jade, it is the suggestion that the Japanese are so crowded upon their own islands that they must overflow into big China. Ta Chen, a clever lawyer among the Chinese publicists here, points out that Shantung, not quite as big as Illinois, supports about six times as many persons, nearly 30,000,000. He says:

"One square mile of soil is supporting 3,072 persons, 256 cows, 256 donkeys and 512 pigs. Is the province not a human beehive? Has it any room for Japanese immigrants?"

GEN. DIAZ TRIUMPHS ON VISIT TO BOSTON

Italian Colony Greets War Leader Riding on Path of Flowers.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 8.—Gen. Armando Diaz, Italian war hero, spent a busy day here keeping up with the programme arranged in his honor.

When his special train arrived just before 8 o'clock this morning the General found 15,000 of his countrymen massed about the station. Gen. Diaz was welcomed at the station by Lieut.-Gov. Fuller. He had breakfast with Italian veterans of the world war, and later was received by Gov. Cox at the State House and by Mayor Peters at City Hall.

The General visited Cardinal O'Connell at the prelate's residence, led a triumphant procession through the Italian colony in the North End, reviewed a military parade in his honor, spoke at exercises on Boston Common and attended a reception at Harvard University. The day's programme closed with a state dinner to-night.

NOT APPLE CIDER VINEGAR.

It Made From Dried Fruit Violates Law, Judge Rules.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 8.—Labelling vinegar made from dried apples as "apple cider vinegar" is a violation of the pure food act, Federal Judge T. A. Geiger ruled to-day in the case of the Government versus the Douglas Packing Company, Fairport, N. Y.

The case on trial was made a test case, and it is expected that the case will be carried to the Supreme Court.

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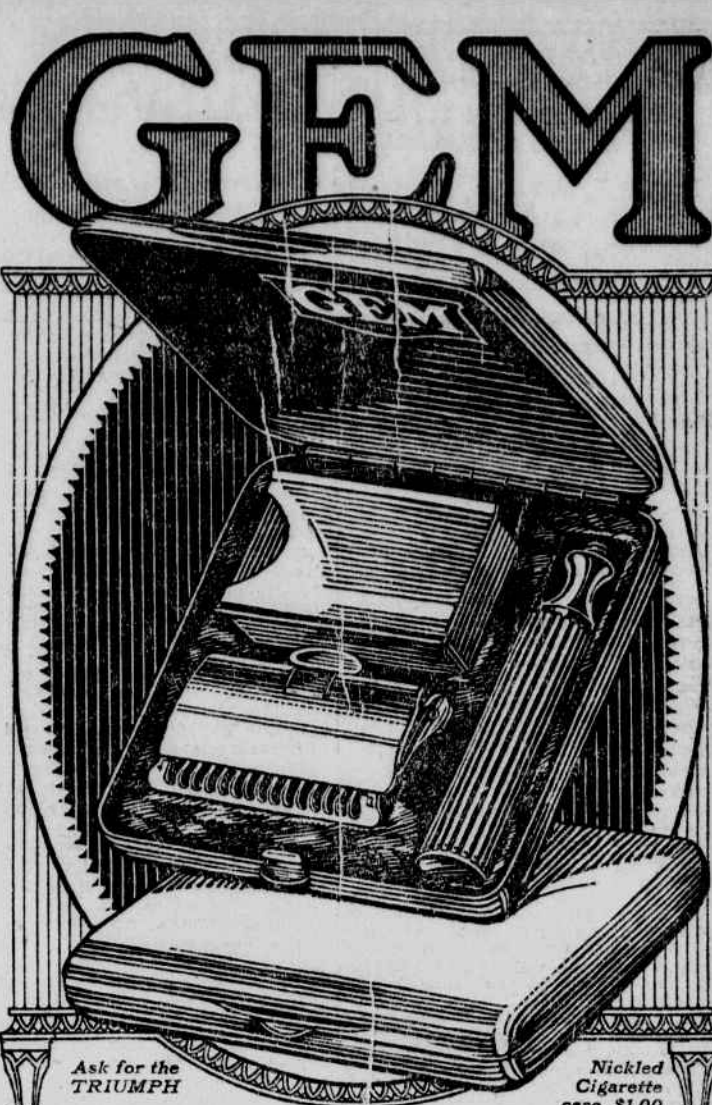
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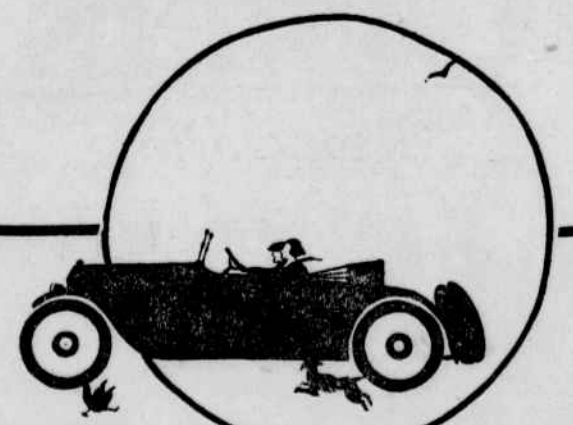
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